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Letter of Appeal

FCC Office of the Secretary 445 12th Street SW Washington, DC 20554

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Re: Appeal for Funding year 2012 for 471 application #875338, postmarked outside of window letter BEN 51521

To Whom It May Concern,

It was with horror that I realized that I had filed my 471 application for the 2012-2013 year TWO DAYS after the filing deadline. My only excuses are that I wear many hats in my role here at our Catholic elementary school, and my job is difficult with all the interruptions that I have and all the detail involved in the various aspects of my job. My deadline for issuing our school's electronic report cards was March 21, and I simply had it in my head that I had until the day after report cards to file the 471 application. The many steps involved in issuing report cards take three-four days. When I discovered that I was outside the filing window for the 471, I was very upset, but simply filed the 471 anyway and wish to beg for mercy for our school to be considered.

I am still struggling to file, with ease, all the erate forms, correctly, and timely from beginning to end. I have been trying since 1997, and have been successful only a few times. For this 2012 funding year, I had been waiting for our cable internet provider to provide me with an actual quote. I struggle every year to get a quote from this particular cable provider, and am always waiting for it until the very last minute. I did file an appeal with USAC on 10/12/12; they directed me to file with the FCC. When I received their letter I was again processing report cards, and had to shelve the appeal. I looked at it again today, and realized that I am at the end of the deadline again.

I did schedule and receive a visit from HATS last year; that was very helpful. I was just sure that this year was going to proceed wonderfully and on schedule, and it was....until March 22.

I would like to appeal our school's application that: "was submitted online or postmarked AFTER the deadline for an application to be considered as filed within the window" to be considered as being in the window, please, despite my late filing. It is a relatively small amount that our school has requested, \$1,956.43, but that money will go a long way in helping our school.

Respectfully yours, Patrice L. Helts

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